

American Recovery & Reinvestment 2009 Asheville, North Carolina Community Portfolio

Community Project Proposal Guidelines

This form is intended for use for proposing a community project that meets the intent and guidelines set forth in the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009. Complete text of the act is available at http://www.rules.house.gov/111/LegText/111_hr1_text.pdf. Information must be limited to the two pages included in this form.

Proposals may be submitted by:

- E-mail to economicrecovery@ashevillenc.gov;
- Fax to (828) 259-5499, or;
- Mail to P.O. Box 7148, Asheville, NC 28802, ATTN: Economic Recovery

If you require any assistance in preparing a project proposal or have questions about the process, please e-mail economicrecovery@ashevillenc.gov.

In the interest of government transparency and public participation, all submitted information will be made available to the community. Please do not submit information considered to be confidential or proprietary. Submitted proposals will be posted at www.ashevillenc.gov/economicrecovery for public review.

Contact Information

Proposing Agency or Organization

Organization Name:

City of Asheville Fire and Rescue
Department

Project Name:

SAFER

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Project Information

1. Project Description

Please include a brief project description.

To provide firefighters for Asheville City Government to support day to day emergency response operations and improve the staffing levels of the department in order to maintain and improve emergency response times throughout the city.

2. Project Purpose

Please describe the project's public purpose and benefit.

Asheville Fire and Rescue has a significant challenge to provide fire and emergency services to the community due to the terrain and topography of our city. In the last insurance evaluation, AFR only earned 54% of the needed staffing for the department. In addition, AFR operates with only a 14% daily minimum staffing buffer. A 20% buffer is needed for more standard and efficient operations. Asheville Fire and Rescue operates with more than half of our front line companies with three firefighters, rather than the four firefighter national standard. This lower staffing results in extended overall response times, additional equipment needed on emergency scenes, extensive overtime expenditure and a weakened response ability for our community.

3. Project Cost

Include the total project cost

\$650,000.00

4. Job Creation

Estimated number of jobs created by project.

18

5. Project Schedule

Include start and finish dates for the project.

2009-2010

5a. Project Schedule

Can the project be contracted and commenced within 120 days? Please indicate yes or no.

Yes

6. Goal Alignment

Briefly describe how the project will achieve the goals of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.

Basic public safety services